Bai Nagar area in the rainy season last year and a contract was awarded for plugging the seepage/leakage in these quarters.

The repair of roof seepage was completed in these quarters by the month of March, 2004.

(d) and (e) The work has been executed as per the CPWD specifications.

Drinking water supply in Bangalore

1312. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka had written to the then Prime Minister regarding augmenting the present supply of drinking water by an additional 540 MLD to the Bangalore city under the Cauvery Water Supply Scheme;

(b) whether the proposal has been examined by the Central Government; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto and by when the approval is expected?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of Karnataka had separately submitted a project proposal on Cauvery Water Supply Scheme Stage-IV, Phase-II at an estimated cost of Rs. 3381.80 crore to this Ministry for obtaining loan assistance from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). The proposal envisages to augment additional 500 mld (million litres per day) of water supply to Bangalore city. The proposal has been examined and recommended to Department of Economic Affairs, which has posed it to Government of Japan for JBIC loan assistance under financial year 2004-05 loan package. No definite time for loan approval by JBIC can be indicated at present.